



WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET UPDATE

AUGUST 11, 2025

Budget Updates

- State passed the biennial budget on July 3, 2025
- \$325 per pupil revenue increase remains, but no increase to state aid
- Special education reimbursement increases from 30.64% to 42%. High-cost special education aid also increases



What Happens if the District Doesn't Levy for Additional \$325

- Revenue limit stays at approximately \$11,774 per pupil
- District can maintain entire defeasance strategy (less outside factors) without increasing overall levy
- Lower overall levy
- District loses 25-26 revenue limit increase for good
- District loses declining enrollment exemption
- Districts faces rather large deficit budget (\$2.6 million) or needs to make drastic changes immediately
- Potential to lose additional significant aid in 2026-27
- Referendum implications

Based on what we know now.



Budget Proposal

- Use increased revenue from special education funding to move staff salary budget authority in line with CPI (3%) from the previously approved 1.5%
- \$800,000 equates to a roughly 1% change in staff salary
- Moving from a 1.5% to a 3% salary increase would add approximately \$1.2 million to the district budget
- Biennial budget changes added approximately \$1.2 million in projected revenue to the 2025-26 budget
- Net result of proposed change is that the projected budget for 2025-26 remains balanced



Questions & Potential Motion

Potential Motion: Move to accept the recommendation for certified staff salaries as presented by administration.





THANK YOU!